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PHILADELPHIA – Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid and Lancaster County District Attorney Craig W. Stedman today announced the filing of a six-count indictment charging Jose M. Alvarez with convicted felon in possession of firearms or ammunition (three counts), possession of an unregistered short-barreled shotgun (one count), distribution of heroin (one count), and possession with intent to distribute heroin (one count). The indictment alleges that on January 24, 2008, Alvarez, a convicted felon, possessed a sawed-off shotgun that was not registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record; on May 6, 2008, Alvarez possessed a loaded 7.62x39 caliber assault rifle; on July 1, 2008, Alvarez distributed heroin, and on July 2, 2008, Alvarez possessed with intent to distribute heroin and possessed 24 live rounds of 9mm ammunition loaded into two handgun magazines.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Jose M. Alvarez	Lancaster, PA	38 years old

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, including a mandatory minimum 15-year term of imprisonment, at least 6 years to lifetime supervised release, a \$5,000,000 fine, and a \$600 special assessment.

This case is part of the “222 Corridor Anti-Gang Initiative,” a federally funded program designed to defeat some of the most violent and pervasive gangs in the country. The “222 Corridor” includes the cities of Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Reading, Lancaster, York, and Harrisburg. The initiative combines federal, state, and local law enforcement resources to attack gang crime and violence throughout the corridor.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosive and the Lancaster City Police and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Eric B. Henson.

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